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ADVISOR PLEASE PASS AFL-CIO, AIFLD AND RCIA

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SUBJECT: FY 77 IV CARRANZA: AFL-CIO VISIT

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 1511, (B) BUENOS AIRES 5526

1. CARRANZA PREPARED TO TRAVEL O/A AUGUST 15 AS A
RESULT OF ARRANGEMENT REACHED IN UNION. IT APPEARS
THAT DEAL MAY HAVE BEEN MADE WITH FEDERAL CAPITAL
LOCAL UNION OPPOSITION THAT HE WOULD TAKE 30-DAY
LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM UNION TO ENABLE HIM TO CARRY
OUT "AN IMPORTANT MISSION ABROAD" (I.E. THE LEADER
GRANT). DURING CARRANZA'S SUPPOSEDLY TEMPORARY
LEAVE, CONFEDERATION, UNDER INTERIM LEADERSHIP OF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL CARLOS BOZAS, WILL ATTEMPT
TO FREE UP UNION AND SOCIAL WELFARE FUNDS WHICH HAVE
BEEN FROZEN BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. THE AUTHORITIES'
PRICE FOR RELEASING FUNDS REPORTEDLY WAS CARRANZA'S
RESIGNATION. CARRANZA SEEMS TO REGARD BUENOS AIRES LOCAL'S
ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE IN LIEU OF RESIGNATION AS A
VICTORY. HE IS ANXIOUS TO TRAVEL AND APPEARS CONFIDENT HE WILL
NOT BE OUSTED WHILE ABROAD. AFTER CONSULTING OTHER SOURCES, WE

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BELIEVE THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE CARRANZA WILL BE ABLE TO
SURVIVE THE CURRENT EPISODE AND REASSUME HIS POST ON RETURN FROM
THE U.S., ALTHOUGH HIS LONGER TERM PROSPECTS PROBABLY ARE NOT
GOOD. AT ANY RATE, WE BELIEVE WE ARE COMMITTED TO FULFILLING THIS

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LEADER GRANT. PLEASE CONSULT RCIA IMMEDIATELY TO RECONFIRM THEIR "SPONSORSHIP" OF GRANT AND NOTIFY US OF DEPARTMENT'S PREFERRED DATE OF ARRIVAL FOR CARRANZA.

2. FOR ARA. WITH REGARD TO GOVERNMENT PRESSURES ON OTHER UNION LEADERS TO RESIGN, THE RUMORS REPORTED REFTEL B APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED. GLASS WORKER CHIEF MAXIMIANO CASTILLO EVIDENTLY DID NOT SUBMIT TO THE PRESSURES ON HIM AND RESIGN HIS POST--AT LEAST NOT YET. TEAMSTER CHIEF PEREZ LEFT THE COUNTRY MERELY TO ATTEND AN ITF CONFERENCE. TOBACCO WORKER LEADER DIGON IS ATTENDING A CLAT CONFERENCE IN CARACAS, ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER HE INTENDS TO RETURN. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE PRESS FLURRY REPORTED REFTEL PREDICTING A CONCERTED GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO REMOVE THE ENTIRE CURRENT GENERATION OF TOP UNION LEADERS WAS LEAED TO THE PRESS BY GOVERNMENT AGENTS. THIS PRESUMABLY WAS INTENDED AS PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON THE UNION CHIEFS, BUT SO FAR AS WE KNOW ONLY A SELECT FEW WERE VISITED BY SECURITY OFFICERS AND RUMORS OF SUCH PRESSURES SEEM TO BE RECEDING.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER AFL-CIO INTENDS TO SEND VISITING DELEGATION AND ARRIVAL DATE OF ADVANCE MAN. AS PER REQUEST FROM AIFLD'S JESSE FRIEDMAN WE NOTIFIED POSTAL/COMMUNICATIONS WORKER LEADER BALDASSINI OF POSSIBLE VISIT AND INTENDED INCLUSION OF CWA COLLEAGUE. BALDASSINI SEEMS TO FAVOR AN ORIT MISSION FIRST, HOLDING AFL-CIO BIG GUNS IN RESERVE. ADVANCE MAN WILL NEED 1-2 WEEKS TO TAKE UP THIS AND OTHER COMPLICATED ISSUES BEFORE PLANNED ARRIVAL OF MAIN PARTY.

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